

37748 to 37798—Contd. (Quoted notes by Mr. Dorsett and others.)

however, to determine its value and the feasibility of economically extracting the fiber."

Plants.

37795. CITRUS BERGAMIA Risso. Rutaceæ. **Bergamot orange.**

From Roma, Bahia. See S. P. I. No. 37779 for description.

37796. CITRUS SINENSIS (L.) Osbeck. Rutaceæ. **Orange.**

From the grove of Senhor João Elias Esteres, Nictheroy, Rio de Janeiro.

"Cuttings of *laranja selecta* from a variety which is a favorite in Rio de Janeiro, its cultivation being much more extensive than that of the Bahia navel orange. It is hard to understand why this should be, when one considers that the navel is seedless while *Selecta* contains numerous seeds. It seems to be the popular opinion, however, that *Selecta* is a better flavored orange than the navel grown in this section. *Selecta* is believed to be the parent of the Bahia' navel, and there is good evidence to substantiate this belief. It is an orange of good size, about as large as a good California Washington Navel, but slightly flattened or oblate in form. The flesh is tender and juicy and of a delicious sprightly flavor, rather a contrast in this respect to the Bahia navel, which is usually lacking in acidity."

37797. CITRUS SINENSIS (L.) Osbeck. Rutaceæ. **Orange.**

From Maxambomba, Brazil.

"Cuttings of *laranja da pera* from Maxambomba, about 30 kilometers from Rio de Janeiro, on the Central Railway. This variety is called the pear orange, presumably because of its slightly elongated form. It is a smaller fruit than the *Selecta*, being more nearly comparable to the *Mediterranean Sweet*, grown in California. These cuttings are from the grove of José Maria Corres, one of the best in the region around Maxambomba. The trees are very prolific fruiters and ripen their crop about Christmas time, at almost the opposite season of the year from *Selecta*, which ripens from March or April until September. It is one of the chief commercial varieties of the region, and while rather seedy, there is an abundance of juice and little rag. The flavor is very sweet and not so refreshing as *Selecta*."

37798. CITRUS SINENSIS (L.) Osbeck. Rutaceæ. **Orange.**

"From the nursery of Eickhoff, Carneiro Leão & Co., Rio de Janeiro. Cuttings of *laranja da pera*. See S. P. I. No. 37797 for a description of this variety."

37799 to 37801.

From China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Received April 2, 1914. Quoted notes by Mr. Meyer.

37799 and 37800. CASTANEA MOLLISSIMA Blume. Fagaceæ. **Chestnut.**

From the village of Yatzeko, south of Sianfu, Shensi, China. January 20, 1914.

37799. "(No. 2006a.) A large-fruited variety of Chinese chestnut, which locally is propagated by top grafting. The trees are of low-branching habits and prefer a well-drained, decomposed